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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5018

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5178

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA

SUBJ: APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

1. SOUVANNA PHOUMA IS RETURNING TO VIENTIANE AUGUST 12
AND WE MAY HAVE APPOINTMENT FOR FAREWELL VISIT BY ME AND
INITIAL COURTESY CALL BY CORCORAN SAME DATE.

2. SINCE CORCORAN HAS COME DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON,
SOUVANNA WILL CERTAINLY INQUIRE ABOUT AMBASSADOR STONE'S
PLANS. IF CORCORAN SIMPLY PLEADS IGNORANCE AND IF SUB-
SEQUENT MORE SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE IN WASHINGTON,
SOUVANNA WILL NO DOUBT CONCLUDE THAT WE HAVE MISLED HIM
AND ATMOSPHERE WILL BE FURTHER SOURED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT CORCORAN
BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL SOUVANNA:

A. HE JUST DOES NOT KNOW WHAT AMBASSADOR STONE'S
TRAVEL PLANS ARE, BUT,

B. EVENTS OF PAST THREE MONTHS HAVE GENERATED
SITUATION IN WHICH EARLY ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MIGHT
PROVE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.
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